

THE CHURCH IS A _____.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. –Acts 2:42 (NIV)

A top priority in a fellowship is _____ and _____.

*Let us make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.
– Romans 14:19*

*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
– Ephesians 4:3*

I in them and You in Me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent Me and have loved them even as you have loved Me. – John 17:23

IMPLICATION: A good structure promotes unity and downplays _____.

*In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. In the first place, I hear that when you came together as a church, there are divisions among you, ...
-- 1 Corinthians 11:17-18*

“Voting” tends to _____.

At New Horizons we only vote on: •Annual Budget •Call of Senior Pastor
•Purchase of Land/Buildings •Changes in the constitution •Legal Trustees

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And now this word to all of you: You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds. – 1 Peter 3:8

Galatians 6:10; Hebrews 2:10-12; 1 Peter 4:17

Consider how many times the following words occur, just in the New Testament!

Brother (300+) Sister (23) Mother (80+) Father (300+)
Family (22) House (21) Children (200)

A note to the Pastor:

He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) 1 Timothy 3:4-5

Pastor should be the _____ of the church.

IMPLICATION: We operate on the basis of _____ NOT _____.

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*Keep watch over yourselves and all the **flock** of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which He bought with His own blood. – Acts 20:28*

*To the **elders** among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be **shepherds** of God's flock that is under your care, serving as **overseers**—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to*

be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 1 Peter 5:1-3

IMPLICATION: We operate on the basis of _____.

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Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us... --Romans 12:4-6 (NIV)

WE ARE AN _____, NOT AN _____.

In an organization, “ _____ ” becomes the focus.

In an organism, “ _____ ” is the focus!

At New Horizons we have a simple structure so we can maximize _____ and minimize _____.

“People who are rowing the boat, don’t have time to rock it!”

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. –Ephesians 4:11-12

OUR STRUCTURE

The members are the “ _____ ”

The pastors are the “ _____ ”

IMPLICATION: WE FUNCTION ON THE BASIS OF _____ NOT _____.